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According to statistics at the treasury department, the value of exports by the United States for the calendar year 1897 aggregated \$1,000,000,000, an increase of \$200,000,000 over any preceding year.

The exports from United States in the year just ended were larger than in any year in her history. How do the Democratic croakers who are insisting that the Dingley law would reduce our markets abroad, account for this?

WEINSTEIN DAVIS, assistant secretary of the interior, has rendered a decision that the members of Captain Pollard's company of the Fourth Missouri Mounted Volunteers of the Black Hawk war were pensionable under the law.

The senate has passed a resolution making the bonds payable in silver at a rate of 16 to 1. It ought to pass a resolution now making a card stock 15 inches. From time immemorial the bonds of the United States have been payable in gold.

MISSOURI Democrats made a law known as the "Corrupt Practice" act and then the Democrats were the first to come under its provision. See how they shiver and different one tell stories, as two of them agreeing. A real good law is needed in each of the parties.

IN 1897 73 railroad companies, with 29,540 miles of road and \$1,781,000,000 of bonds and stock defaulted in their obligations, while in 1897 only 18 roads, with a mileage of 1,337 and a capitalization of \$200,000,000, did this. The earnings of many of the roads in 1897 were the largest ever gained.

THE prices of farm products continue good and our export trade is enormous. The figures for 1897 show that the United States furnished more than one-half of the wheat required by European importing countries. Our exports of American wheat and flour aggregated 182,000,000 bushels out of the world's shipments of 320,000,000 bushels.

WITH the middle-of-the-road population protesting against further co-opting with the Democratic party, the eastern Democrats declaring openly they will no longer support Mr. Bryan and his single principle of free coinage of silver at 16 to 1, the prospect of future unanimous action by those who supported Bryan in 1896 is very greatly reduced.

THE coffee and sugar trusts are now at war again and we are not sure to get cheap coffee the next few months. Mr. Arbuckle has sent his agent to Europe to make contracts for raw sugar and Mr. Havemeyer, who has control of the Wolcott Sugar Co., is out to checkmate him. The price of coffee has risen 1/2 a cent per pound, making roasted coffee 8 1/2 cents wholesale, as against 8 1/4, per pound in 1896. Let the good work go on.

THAT the farmers have had the best of it during the past year, in obtaining foreign markets, is proven by statistics. The exportation of farm products during the eleven months ending November 30, 1897, has been 91.16 per cent. The total exports of manufacturers came next, being 25.78 per cent. The increase of farm products over the former corresponding eleven months, has been \$57,000,000. As the prosperity among the farmers in more widely diffused than that arising from any other class of producers, their fortune is a matter of joy to the whole nation.

THE Bland North deal, by due process of law, is now before the Attorney General of the state. It is charged that the corrupt practice act has been violated, in six particulars, by Judge Bland, and it is asked that the office be declared vacant. The legal requirements have been complied with and a full, fair investigation is demanded. Judge Bland, and those implicated with him in the alleged violation of the law, have not an opportunity to clear themselves. But obstruction or evasion must not be the answer. To attempt to shut off the light will be equivalent to confession. The people, whose right it is to govern through an honest ballot, will watch this case closely, and they can not be deceived in regard to its progress and results.

IS a comparison of the Treasury figures on agricultural exports for the first eleven months of the years 1896 and 1897 an increase in value, in almost every instance of farm production, in favor of last year?

IN cattle the figures for 1896 were \$23,621,000, against \$55,498,000 for 1897; in horses, \$3,282,000 in 1896, against \$5,170,000 in 1897; in barley, \$5,555,000, against \$6,555,000; in corn, \$32,382,000, against \$33,111,000; in corn meal, \$551,000, against \$1,209,000; in oats, \$6,755,000, against \$11,852,000; in rice, \$2,038,000, against \$1,302,000; in wheat, \$51,255,000, against \$57,112,000. The total exportations of breadstuffs in 1896 were \$109,000,000, against \$222,000,000 in 1897. The figures for exports of cotton in 1896 were \$3,528,000, against \$4,112,000 in 1897; cheese, \$5,512,000, against \$5,212,000; and vegetables, \$2,675,000, against \$2,211,000.

THERE are matters in which history always repeats itself. The instinct of a nation, like that of a person, is toward self preservation. And there has been no step taken toward annexation of a foreign territory to the United States that has not been necessary to self preservation. The control of the Mississippi from its source to the Gulf was a necessity of national life, and the people of Louisiana, who gained it for them, and severely rebuked those who had sought to prevent them, although they were not justified by the letter of the law. And so Texas and Florida were necessary, and so was the acquisition of the Pacific coast, and so, and from the same cause, Hawaii is a necessity. Neither Florida, Texas nor California safely could be trusted to control of a foreign power and none of them has strength enough to maintain a native and independent form of government. Nor is Hawaii.

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Efficacy of Republicanism.

It is pleasant to find a free silver paper here and there honest and frank enough to admit that the wages of miners have been advanced, and especially to find one of them with the courage to suggest that the improvement may be due to Republican policies.

During the last presidential campaign, Colorado was a hotbed of Bryanism. The Propector, published at 294 North, Col., was one of Mr. Bryan's most uncompromising supporters among the newspapers of that state. A recent editorial in its columns starts thus:

"It really begins to look as though the old Republican administration may be upon the right track after all. Prosperity, to a certain extent, has dawned all over this section."

The editorial then reviews the present conditions of mining, stock raising and agricultural interests in the state. It is shown that the wages of miners have been advanced, the amount of money invested in mines has been greatly increased, and the operations have been enlarged all over the state.

It is shown that cattle, sheep and wool are bringing more money than they have brought for years, with every body in expectation that still better prices are coming.

It is pointed out that farm products are selling at good figures, that the farmers are prosperous and happy, and that they are paying off the debts incurred during a long period of depression. Then the editorial continues:

"These things being true about mining, stock raising and farming, it goes without saying that the business of the San Luis merchants has been good, taken as a whole, for the past year, and there is a better feeling among all classes than for a long time past."

"Money, consequently, is easier to get by long odds than it was a year ago."

"Perhaps these conditions do not constitute increased prosperity; perhaps they do. The people should learn to know prosperity when they see it placid and coming along the highway. It appears to be with us now, certainly to a greater extent than a year ago."

"Charge it up to what we may, it is among us to the extent named, and it is not just that we tender it proper recognition."

"We all know that had Bryan been elected, a corresponding increase in our prosperity would have set us all wild with delight."

The last paragraph here quoted is particularly emphatic and suggestive. How few of the Bryan organs are fair and logical enough to admit that if their candidate had been elected and such conditions as now exist had followed his election, the improvement would have been taken as indisputable evidence of the benefits of Bryanism!

On the contrary, the Bryan organs either ignore or belittle every indication of prosperity, seek out and enlarge upon every trivial instance of business failure, and boldly declare, as does Mr. Bryan himself, that times are no better than they were.

But everybody knows that even the biased editors of these papers know better. Nobody is deceived except the editors themselves, who fancy that they can delude the people in the very face of common and conspicuous evidence, into believing that prosperity is adversity.

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ONE of the most satisfactory commercial features of 1897 has been the increased demand abroad for corn. During the month of December nearly twice as much corn went to Europe as in the corresponding month of 1896. The people of Europe are slowly learning that corn is good for man as well as beast. The total exports of corn last year amounted to 180,000,000 bushels, or nearly 700,000,000 bushels more than in any previous year. In the six years preceding 1897 the average annual exportations of corn were only 95,000,000 bushels. It is clear, therefore, that of various efforts which have been made to bring this kind of American cereals into favor with foreigners are beginning to bear fruit. There is no country in the world that can in any way compete with United States in growing corn and it can establish a large and increasing market abroad for the product, it will bring our farmers untold wealth. What is most needed to insure a general demand for corn abroad is a knowledge of preparing it for the table. Of the large amount of corn meal sent to Ireland during the famine many years ago, much was wasted, as the poor people could do nothing to but water and did not even know how to prepare hoe cakes.

Caught in a Trap.

Democratic newspapers are doing considerable squirming just now in an attempt to square themselves before the people. By numerous assertions they have gotten themselves in a very deep hole, and unless they do something pretty soon they may as well pull the hole in after them. At first they said that the wages of miners had been advanced, and that the Republican party was not responsible for it. Now they are saying that the Republican party is responsible for the high prices and the laboring men are having to suffer for it. The Chicago Dispatch, which, by the way, is the only free silver calamity howling newspaper in that country, gives this list of prices and comments:

"Four is 50 per cent higher than it was last year."
"Sugar is nearly 18 per cent higher."
"Pork is about 32 per cent higher."
"Mutton 25 per cent higher."
"Apples 100 per cent higher."
"Molasses 7 per cent higher."
"Corn 10 per cent higher."
"Butter 15 to 20 per cent higher."
"Potatoes 75 per cent higher."

"By the way, has anyone heard of a commensurate raise in wages? With expenses climbing all the way from 7 to 100 per cent and wages stationary or falling lower, what evidence of prosperity has the workingman?"

It will be noticed that the list is composed wholly of farm products, sugar being the only exception. Now will our calamity howling contemporaries come out again and tell us that the farmers have not been benefited by the Dingley bill? The Chicago Dispatch charges it all up to the Republican party. Shall we believe it or shall we accept the statement of the farmers? It does seem as though the Democratic press needs a steering committee. It needs some one to map out a line of defense and misrepresentation, and then have all the free silver newspapers tell the same story.

In the last paragraph above quoted the Dispatch asks: "What evidence of prosperity has the workingman?" It is not known just what evidence of prosperity the Chicago workingman has, but down here at Springfield he has all the evidence he wants. He has employment now every day in the week and ten hours a day. He is not carrying a straw about the price of flour, butter, corn and other articles above mentioned just so long as he can get his work and can get the money with which to buy them.

The very fact that prices of such products have increased is evidence that prosperity is here. One year ago laboring men could not buy potatoes at 20 cents a bushel as easily as they can now pay 70 cents. Potatoes could not have gone up any higher than they were because nobody was eating potatoes, or very much of anything else for that matter. Put people to work and you put them to eating. When they eat they create a demand for provision, and the demand for provision creates a price. These truths are so patent on their face that it is not necessary to argue the case further—Springfield Republican.

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There are now thirty nine cities in the United States, with a population exceeding 100,000. The following table shows the result of municipal and state census reports in some cases, and of careful estimates in others, and will show their population:

New York	3,350,000
Chicago	1,800,000
Philadelphia	1,200,000
St. Louis	800,000
Baltimore	625,270
Boston	550,000
Cincinnati	400,000
Buffalo	380,000
Cleveland	380,000
San Francisco	350,000
Detroit	320,000
New Orleans	280,000
Pittsburg	240,000
Milwaukee	225,000
Newark	220,000
Washington	220,000
Louisville	215,000
Minneapolis	210,000
Jersey City	200,000
Indianapolis	185,000
Rochester	175,000
Denver	170,000
Providence	150,000
Omaha	150,000
Toledo	135,000
Syracuse	131,000
Albany	130,000
Hartford	118,000
New Haven	112,000
Scranton	110,000
Memphis	109,000
Worcester	105,000
Pail River	104,000
Grand Rapids	100,000
Albany	100,000
Richmond	100,000

A bill introduced at Albany provides for an appropriation by New York City to establish an institution to be known as the Farm Colony of Vagrants. A board of five managers is to manage the colony, which can be located in any county in the state. Persons convicted of vagrancy or habitual drunkenness in the city courts are to be committed to the vagrant farm under an indeterminate sentence, with power of parole vested in the board of managers. The earnings of the co-operative colony are to be divided among the inmates, and penalties are provided for in the shape of fines.

Boodle, boodle, who sang the \$1,000 in boodle that was a part of the perquisite of a Populist nomination for the St. Louis court of appeals?

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This year important elections will be held in thirty-six States and Territories. The support of the people who live in Southern and Western States. The controllable practices used in Ohio are but a forerunner of what will be attempted in the general state elections this fall.

The alleged crimes for which the victims were lynched were as follows: Rape, premeditated murder, kidnapping, robbery, assault with a deadly weapon, carrying a deadly weapon, and other offenses.

One lynching, it will be observed, was for a crime which was not a capital offense, and it would appear that the act of lynching was a violation of the law.

From Baby in the High Chair According to the trade journal, the long desired substitute for coffee, never before so popular, is a food in itself. It has the taste and appearance of the best coffee, but it is a genuine and scientific article, and is pure and healthy.

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How do the croakers who insist that the property immediately following the election of President McKinley was only a temporary affair account for the steady and continuous growth of activity in business success in this country?

It is a full year now since the improvement which became apparent immediately following the rejection of the silver proposition and the adoption of protection and sound money, and this improvement still continues. Dun's Review of last week, commenting upon the condition of the iron trade says:

"The iron furnaces in blast January 1 report an output of 326,808 tons weekly, against 225,621 weekly, December 1, with an increase of 12,481 tons in the unrolled stocks held by furnaces. While this shows a consumption of 32 1/2 per cent more than that of last year, there would be no discouraging indications of consumption, but for the fact that several furnaces were stopped for the holidays, and these, with several others have started since January 1, while the demand for finished product does not diminish. The Pennsylvania railroad has ordered 100,000 tons steel rails, and a new railroad in Maine 12,000 tons, and other orders for cars, railroad supplies, plates, bars, and structural material are unusually large for the season."

Whatever our monetary policy is finally to be it should be the result of deliberate choice—a conclusion intelligently reached after dispassionately weighing all of the considerations involved. We ought not to shiftlessly drift, or slump, to a new standard of value through mere lack of a positive and consistent policy. Of all possible outcomes that of international bimetalism should desire protection from mere failure to sustain any policy. We have the gold standard now, but without any of the provisions for maintaining it which intelligent believers in the gold standard advise. In the first place the maintenance of the "existing gold standard" is wholly in the discretion of the president.

In a Democratic president should be elected in 1900 the country would lapse not to bimetalism, but to 16 to 1 bimetallism, even though the Republican party held a majority in both senate and house. Such election is possible without a deliberate purpose by the country to change the standard. It has now been ten years since either party has elected two presidents in succession. The defeat of President Harrison for re-election ought to teach us that a party is not assured continued power even by good administration and good times.

The man who stated that he would not issue bonds within six months after his inauguration has been forgotten, and the man who used to ask every man he met if he had seen anything of that wave of prosperity has been dismissed as a humorist out of date, but the last to be dismissed is the man who asserted that the Dingley bill was not raising enough revenue to meet the expenses of the government. When the law was being enacted in porters took advantage of it and raised in foreign goods, but every body ought to have known that in this great country a glut in the market straightens itself in a few days. The regular order of business has been restored and the revenues are coming up to expectations. The next thing we hear will be the old cry that the tariff is a tax and a demand for its reduction. These opposition people must have something to cry about.

Frank Sherwood was down town today, the first time since he had his trouble with cholera morbus. He says he drove thirty miles after he was taken and never came so near dying in his life. After this when he goes out in the country he will take a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy with him—Missouri Valley (Iowa) Times. For sale by all druggists.

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Statistics of Lynching. Here are the numbers of lynchings in the United States for the last thirteen years:

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